

# **United Nations** Climate Change

The progress of the just transition issue in the climate negotiation

Dialogue on green and low-carbon just transition. Just transition in coal regions – lessons learnt

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Why Just transition is important for delivering Paris Agreement

- Increases acceptability of policies
- Support climate actions
- Inclusive and leaves no one behind
- Reinforce the urgency of coordinated efforts

# Institutional arrangements/ process



Katowice Committee on Impacts (KCI) Forum on Impacts of implementation of response measures

**Decision making** 

Technical

Intergovernmental negotiations

### Functions of forum & KCI

#### Katowice Committee on Impacts

• Technical support to the forum

#### Forum on response measures

- Provide a platform to share, information, experiences, case studies, best practices and views;
- Facilitate assessment and analysis of the impact of the implementation of response measures, including the use and development of modelling tools and methodologies;
- Provide concrete examples, case studies and practices, in order to enhance the capacity of Parties, in particular developing country Parties.
- Enhance cooperation among Parties, stakeholders, external organizations, experts and institutions,
- Enhance capacity and the understanding of Parties on the impacts of mitigation actions
- Promote action to minimize the adverse impacts and maximize the positive impacts of the implementation of response measures

### COP, CMP, CMA

• Decision making

## Work programme

- Economic diversification and transformation
- Just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs
- Assessing and analyzing the impacts of the implementation of response measures
- Facilitating the development of tools and methodologies to assess the impacts of the implementation of response measures



### Workplan of the forum and its KCI – Outputs\*

- Five technical papers by KCI Facilitate tools and methodologies development for modelling (3)
  - Enhance capacity of Parties for assessment (4)
  - Awareness to assess the economic impacts of new industries resulted from RM (5)
  - Best practices to engage private sector (8)
  - Identify and assess the impacts of RM (9)
- Regional workshops by forum Facilitate tools and methodologies development for modelling (3)
- Two in-session workshops by forum Country driven strategies and best practices for ED & JT (2)
  - Identify and assess the impacts of RM (9)
- Concrete examples
  - Country driven strategies and best practices for ED &JT (2)
  - Best practices to engage private sector (8)
  - share experience on reporting and efforts to assess and analyse the impacts of RM
- \* refer to workplan for full activity title <a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2019\_13a01\_adv.pdf#page=22">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2019\_13a01\_adv.pdf#page=22</a>

### Framework to support Just Transition

activities

Regional

Knowledge / information

Policy recommendations
Compilation of concrete examples
Guidance document for use of tools and methodologies
Technical papers
Synthesis reports Hands on training on use of tools and methodologies

- Awareness creation of existing tools and methodologies
- Communication and engagement
- Peer to peer learning

Country

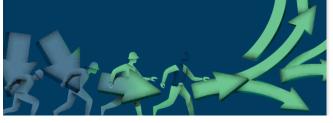
 Facilitating development and use of tools and methodologies

• Peer to peer learning



### IMPLEMENTATION OF JUST TRANSITION AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION STRATEGIES

A compilation of best practices from different countries



1	11	Policy	Energy	Columbia	Ensure just transition for workers in coal and oil and gas sectors	Planning for a just transition for workers in coal and oil and gas sectors
	12	Policy	Energy	Spain	Manage closure of coal mines	Developing a just transition strategy by the Government
	13	Policy	Energy	New Zealand	Manage prohibition of offshore oil and gas exploration permits issuance	Developing a transition plan for affected regions
	14	Policy	Energy	New Zealand	Manage prohibition of offshore oil and gas exploration permits issuance	Implementing an inclusive planning process. Securing support for workers' skills development, empowerment, job clustering during transition

17. *Encourages* Parties to invest in the early planning of just transition policies that are inclusive and based on stakeholder engagement;

### Policy recommendations

- Encouragement to observer organizations or relevant agencies to:
  - Enhance support for addressing issues related to the assessment and analysis of the impacts of the implementation of mitigation actions, policies and programmes, including nationally determined contributions and long-term low-emission development strategies, with a view to addressing the adverse impacts and maximizing opportunities.
  - Enhance and develop their existing training frameworks and modules on assessment and analysis so that they can be used for country-level training programmes and for developing impact assessment tools and methods
  - Engage the private sector, including small and medium-sized enterprises, to facilitate the identification and exchange of experience and best practices to promote the creation of decent work and quality jobs in new industries and businesses.

#### 20. Encourages Parties to:

(a) Consider the availability of country-level expertise, training, support and consultancy services when selecting a tool or methodology for assessing the impacts of the implementation of response measures;

(b) Invest in data collection in line with national and international standards (for example, the United Nations System of National Accounts or the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting);

(c) Establish capacity-building partnerships and networks for increasing the representation of developing countries in the use and development of impact assessment tools and methods for assessing the impacts of the implementation of response measures;

(d) Consider both qualitative and quantitative methods for assessing the impact of the implementation of response measures;

### Knowledge/information

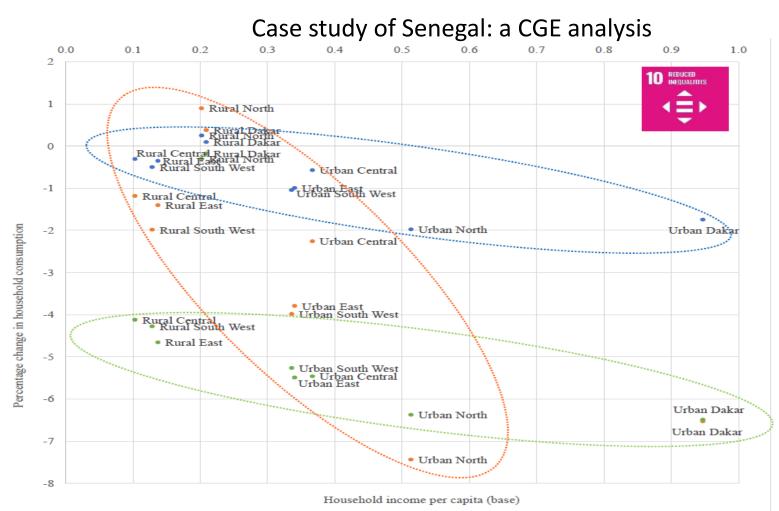
### Understanding Just Transition

- Means different things
  - workprogramme are for impacts of response measures
  - Preamble of Paris Agreement in 2015
- One perspective around workers:
  - a framework to encompass a range of social interventions needed to secure workers' rights and livelihoods (Wiki)
  - Transition in a way that is fair and inclusive as possible to everyone concerned, creating decent work opportunities and leaving no one behind (ILO)
  - Implement social protections system/policies for affected workforce
  - Creating opportunity for skills transfer
  - Addressing the issue of energy poverty
  - Social dialogues all voices in decision making process
- Broad perspective:
  - Actions for climate change with inclusive development pathways
  - calls for justice in more general terms, not just for workers (Eisenberg 2019)
  - Manage distributional impacts equally among people, community, workers, consumers, countries, regions, industries (share benefits and supporting who loose economically) (EBRD)
- Energy transition
  - System/technology transformation
  - Regulatory framework
  - Policy frameworks

### Transition impact assessment



- If you cannot measure it , you cannot manage it
- Uncertainty
  - in net benefits of green, net zero transition,
  - as well as distribution of costs and benefits among winners and losers.



### Sharm El-Sheikh Implementation Plan

To establish a **work programme on just transition** for discussion of pathways to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement (UAE).

To convene an **annual high-level ministerial round table on just transition**, as part of such work programme, beginning at CMA 5 (UAE).

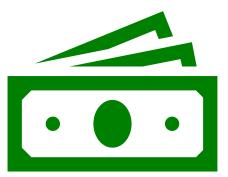


# Others (1)

- Finance-related
  - Financing just transition as topic for Standing Committee on Finance Forum in 2023
  - Mandate to Board of Green Climate Fund to consider how to enhance support for just transitions.

### • Mitigation work programme

- Scope to be based on:
  - Broad thematic areas.
  - All sectors covered in 2006 IPCC.
  - Relevant enabling conditions, technologies, just transition and cross-cutting issues.
- Two global dialogue each year and investment focused events with a view to unlocking finance, including for, among others, just transitions.



# Others (2)

- Response measures workprogramme related
  - **Call for submissions** for review of <u>functions</u>, <u>work programme and</u> <u>modalities of the forum</u>.
  - Mandate to forum and the KCI to:
    - Facilitate capacity building of countries to develop and use impact assessment methodologies and tools (e.g. through case studies and regional hands-on training workshops).
    - Develop and maintain a web-based user interface for selecting tools and methodologies.
  - Mandate to the UNFCCC secretariat to:
    - Conduct peer-to-peer learning to facilitate planning and implementation of effective policies on just transition and economic diversification.
    - Regularly update the existing database of tools and methodologies.



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### Resources

- <u>Technical paper: Just transition of the workforce, and the</u> <u>creation of decent work and quality jobs</u>
- <u>Technical paper: the assessment and analysis of the impacts of the implementation of response measures to facilitate the undertaking of economic diversification and transformation and just transition</u>
- <u>Technical paper: Facilitating development, enhancement,</u> <u>customization and use of tools and methodologies for modelling</u> <u>and assessing the impacts of the implementation of response</u> <u>measures</u>

